

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The ability and opportunity to read is of fundamental importance; and,

WHEREAS, This nation and state were founded by, and now depend upon, a literate informed citizenry; and,

WHEREAS, It has been acknowledged that the problems of illiteracy and aliteracy pose a serious threat to the well-being of an alarming number of South Dakotans deserving of our immediate and continued support for educational opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, Reading is a gateway to entertainment, imagination and achievement for all who possess the skills to access its information; and,

WHEREAS, This joyful acknowledgement of reading is something that is too often taken for granted by those who can read; and,

WHEREAS, The theme of this campaign will be "Take Time to Read" and be an official participant by the South Dakota State Library and the South Dakota Library Association in Project Literacy U.S. (Plus); and,

WHEREAS, The commitment to this campaign begins in February and will continue for a full year:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 1987 through January 1988 to be the

YEAR OF THE READER

in South Dakota.



ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

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